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## RATES HIGH ENOUGH.

It is reported that in the near future steps are to be taken by several trunk lines operating in West Virginia to raise the rates on the shipment of coal from this state to points west of the Mississippi. It is said that the proposed plan will increase the rates 15 cents on the ton, which would mean that there would be an increase of 60 per cent in the differential between the West Virginia and the Ohio fields. This would be a hard blow to the greatest industry in the state of West Virginia, and such action would be so pointedly unfair and a rank discrimination that there need be no comment to prove the point. Coal operators of the state have refused to make any definite statement on the situation until they have made a more complete investigation but they are unanimous in the opinion that such action would make it impossible for them to compete with other fields for the coal trade west of the Mississippi.

West Virginia has certain natural advantages that the Ohio and Pennsylvania coal fields can not boast of, and this is a sore spot with the coal operators of our neighboring commonwealths. When the last change in rates was made West Virginia's rate was raised enough to offset the natural advantages of the state and thus put Ohio, Pennsylvania and West Virginia all about on an equal footing to compete for the legitimate coal trade of the country. Little objection was made to that move; but the contemplated action of the trunk lines operating in this state would indicate that they are trying to "put over" on West Virginia the rawest sort of a deal—one which is a rank discrimination against this state, and one which, if put through, will call down the wrath of every good citizen of West Virginia.

Nature was very fair in her distribution of natural resources, and if nature saw it to place coal in West Virginia that it gave to this state certain advantages, it is not up to the trunk lines operating in West Virginia to make this state pay a tax on her natural advantages in order to appease the jealousies of sister commonwealths who have not been favored by nature in the placement of the "black diamonds" within their boundaries, as has West Virginia; but who enjoy other natural benefits, which are not enjoyed by this state.

The people of this state should make a mighty protest against any such action as is proposed and should make a bitter battle for their rights. West Virginia depends on her natural resources for growth and advancement. Our commonwealth is but in the spring time of development, and within the next decade or two, if given a chance, will come into her own. West Virginia demands, as a unit of the great United States, the right to fair and equal competition in sale of her products in the markets of the world—and especially the markets of the great Union of which she is a part.

The action contemplated by the trunk lines would be ruinous to the business interests of this state, and every citizen who has the good of the state at heart and wants to see West Virginia prosper and grow in financial strength and population will protest vigorously against the proposed step in the raising of our coal rates.

The man who won't even let his best girl carry a handbag before they are married, is the one who generally expects her a few years later to do all the lugging of the baby.

## BEARS OUT PRECEDENT.

The demand that Austria recall Ambassador Dumba only bears out the precedent established by this country to resent any diplomatic interference with our affairs. This has been an established policy of this government since 1793, when President Washington brought about the recall of Citizen Genet.

Genet brought over blank commissions, to be distributed among United States citizens who were willing to fit our privateers for raids upon British commerce. Despite our proclaimed neutrality, Genet commenced inflammatory speeches against the English and the encouragement of privateering expeditions.

An attempt to bribe a Philadelphia newspaper editor to represent Spanish contentions in controversy between the United States and Spain resulted in the Spanish minister, Marquis of Casa Yrujo, receiving his passports in 1805.

In 1809 the United States requested the recall of F. J. Jackson, the British minister, because the latter charged that the United States in accepting an agreement of his predecessors acted in bad faith, knowing the latter had no authority to make the agreement and that the United

WEST VIRGINIA PATENTS.  
 As reported by H. E. Dunlap, patent lawyer of Wheeling, W. Va., the Patent Office records show the recent issue of the following patents to West Virginia inventors: Frank W. Cooper, Cora, cable-hook; William N. Mathews, Wellsburg, glass-turnace; James M. Robinette, Williamson, game-cus; William T. Robinson and C. D. Hylton, Ethel, trolley-hanger; William A. Stotzer, Wheeling, material for binding plaster to concrete surfaces; William A. Stull, Fort Defiance, railway-track switch; William J. G. Taylor, Clarksburg, holder for bits and similar tools; Clarence G. Walker, Bramwell, flying-machine.

HIS WAY!  
 Pat (to his pal)—Tell me, Rooney, how do you feel about the age of a fowl?  
 Rooney—By the way, I don't know.  
 Pat—But a fowl has no teeth?  
 Rooney—Shure—but O! have.  
 Pat—By the way, who is it or was the God of war?  
 Mix—I-I-I think it was Annanias!

States would not therefore be able to bind Great Britain thereby.

In 1849 M. Poussin, the French minister, was handed his passports and informed that this government would seek other channels of communications with the government of France.

Poussin had been guilty of important language to the secretary of state, language which the French government promptly disavowed.

In 1855 the British minister, Mr. Crampton, together with three British consuls, was found to be making engagements in this country for recruits for the Crimean war. Crampton was handed his passports and the British government informed the United States that it would cheerfully receive communications through other channels.

Perhaps the most sensational incident of this kind involved Lord Sackville-West, the British minister to the United States in 1888. In letters from naturalized citizens or on his initiative Lord Sackville sought to arouse a political resentment against President Cleveland over the Canadian fisheries dispute.

Referring to the incident in his annual message, that year, Mr. Cleveland spoke of the "unpardonable conduct of the official referred to in his interference by advice and counsel with the suffrages of American citizens in the very crisis of presidential elections then near at hand. The offense thus committed was more grave, involving disastrous possibilities to the good relations of the United States and Great Britain, constituting a gross breach of diplomatic privilege and an invasion of the purely domestic affairs and essential sovereignty of the government to which the envoy was accredited."

The most recent case of a foreign diplomat receiving his passports as the result of his own actions, involved the Spanish minister, DuPuy de Lome, who, in 1898, wrote disrespectfully of President McKinley.

The loss of a million and half lives may not be sufficient to appease European honor, but it is enough to disgrace modern civilization.

## THE AUSTRIAN CRISIS.

IF AS seems to be the case, the Austrian ambassador, Count Dumba, was ordered by his government to foment strikes and tie-ups in our industries, the case is more serious than if he had done this on his own initiative.

For in the latter case his government might disavow his act, recall the ambassador, and the incident would be closed.

But if the issue is between us and the Austrian government's deliberate policy, it raises the question as to whether we can continue to maintain relations, in default of an apology and promise to do better, with a government which makes its ambassador into a labor spy and "agent provocateur."

An ambassador is given great privileges. He is immune from arrest for any ordinary offense or even crime. His house is considered a bit of the territory of his country set apart from the jurisdiction of the country to which he is accredited. For all these privileges he must pay in a scrupulous obedience to our laws, abstention from mixing in our political or industrial affairs. He is here on honor. If he abuses these privileges on his own motion, he may be and should be dismissed, just as the representatives of such nations as France and England have been dismissed in the past. If his government orders him to offend, he may be dismissed just the same, and the government made to apologize on penalty of severance of relations.

That new big gun on Long Island scored 12 hits in 12 shots at seven miles distance. Carry the news to Europe and Asia!

## SHE CAN IF SHE WILL.

ON SEPTEMBER 8th the German submarines sunk eight merchant vessels without sacrificing a single life or passenger or seaman.

When she stated before the Lusitania horror that she could not carry on her warfare with any such precautions as these, German's sympathizers in this country, deceived by German press agents, believed her.

We as Americans must not accept as true every statement made by British, French, German, Austrian, Russian, or Italian agents or officials. If we do we are merely dupes and easy marks. A baseball pitcher who would tell the matter the truth as to the sort of ball to be delivered would be released at once. So would any representative of a nation at war who would tell the truth as to a policy when deception might be profitable.

Let us cease to be dupes. Let us be Americans first.

## THE EVERLASTING ONION.

CONSIDER the everlasting onion—and plant it! You get the clusters of tiny bulbs from the seed man, and plant them in these still-warm days of early fall.

Be sure to ask for the "everlasting." You plant tiny bulb separate, but fairly close together, keeping the rows far apart. In a few days its delicate spear will shoot upward. They will thrive in the Indian summer sun. You will eat of them on Thanksgiving. The winter will not phase them, if you plant deeply and warmly, and the fall bed will become a patch of spring onions.

Symbol of persistence and immortality is the everlasting onion. It divides, you pull one of its parts, and the remaining parts continue shoots of this onion are crowned in late summer with lovely bronze colors of tiny bulbs, and these are yet topped with other clusters. If you do not gather them and dry them for later planting, they will drop to the ground, and make a new group.

While you plant the new bed, for beauty's sake, the stout old one will continue to flourish interminably if you let it—for the everlasting onion demonstrates continuity or nothing.

Plant the everlasting onion in your back yard, and you will have the fresh tender relish for your table practically the year round forever—all the investment of a dime!

## LATEST PHOTO OF AMBASSADOR DUMBA.



AMBASSADOR DUMBA LEAVING SECRETARY OF STATE LANSING'S OFFICE.

## WASHINGTON NEWS GOSSIP

By CHARLES BROOKS SMITH.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Sept. 13.—(Special to The West Virginian.)—The committee of the West Virginia Society which has the progress of entertainment for the visiting veterans from West Virginia who will be in this city the last of this month to attend the annual encampment, held in the offices of General W. W. Scott tonight, the details of the program were practically definitely arranged. Only a few things remain to be settled.

One matter of business was selecting a toastmaster to preside at the banquet which will be tendered the visitors by the Society. It will be held in the big hall on the third floor of the G. A. R. building, which is on the south side of the Avenue directly opposite the Willard. One of the leading caterers of the city will serve the spread. The toastmaster will be Nathan May Scott, an old soldier and proud of the honor of being one. Senator Scott has taken a great interest in the undertaking of the Society to entertain the old comrades from the state, and has helped the committee in charge handsomely.

And for that matter, so has another distinguished comrade taken a personal interest in the proposition in hand, and given generously to make it a success. He is Senator Nathan Goff, who will be on hand to welcome his comrades from his native state and will be one of the speakers at the banquet.

The reception and banquet to the old soldier visitors is to be for them and theirs exclusively. Only one address will be made by one of their number and that will be a brief one. Judge George Wesley Atkinson as chairman of the committee will welcome the visitors and then turn over the toastmaster to Senator Scott, who will see to it that a regular old-fashioned G. A. R. campfire is held, and that every old soldier present will have an opportunity to relate some war experience or make a few remarks along any line that may suit his fancy. An orchestra composed of native sons and daughters of West Virginia will furnish the music, and it is timely to mention right here that the caterer who has been engaged is a former West Virginian, and the man who operates the sightseeing automobiles which will whir the visitors about the city on one of the mornings during their stay, is a former resident of Lewis county. Also, the printing establishment from which comes the invitations, cards, etc., is owned and operated by a West Virginian, and the multigraph letters that have already been issued, and to be issued in the establishment of Mr. Willard Fracker, who was born in Parkersburg, is a nephew of the late Mrs. J. B. Jackson, wife of one of the state's foremost chief executive, Governor "Jake" Jackson.

In every way that is possible those who have been called on to make this entertainment of the old soldiers a

Rev. Father Othling, who was graduated from the Catholic University here last month and ordained by the Rt. Rev. Bishop Donahue, of the West Virginia Diocese, has been ordered to take charge of the church and parish at Salem, W. Va. Father Othling is originally from Jacksonville, Ill., but has spent ten years in the University here preparing himself for orders. He is to convert to the Catholic Church, having been born and reared as an Episcopalian. Father Othling is a highly educated man, and stood high in the estimations of faculty and students at the University as a scholar and as a man.

Hon. and Mrs. Thomas W. Fleming, and son, A. Sweeney Fleming, of Fairmont, are guests for a few days at the Foreham. Mr. A. Fleming and Mrs. Fleming drove through in the former's high-powered Pierce Arrow. They made a quick run as they encountered nothing but the finest roads all the way, and they did not experience the slightest mishap or delay at any time. Col. T. W. Fleming arrived by train a couple of days later, coming straight here from

Wheeling where he attended the big new Wheeling State Fair, which he says was a splendid success in every particular. He also reports his political fences "horse high and hog tight" in the northern part of the First Congressional district.

Col. Fleming is a candidate for the Republican nomination for Congress and expresses himself pleased with the situation he finds his candidacy in at the present time. Opposing him for the honor is ex-Senator J. G. Hearne, of Wheeling. The signs all point that those two well known men will be the only candidates in that party in the First district. "The contest will be a friendly one, I am sure," declared Col. Fleming. "It could not be otherwise as Mr. Hearne and myself are the best of friends and have always been. However, it will be as spirited as friendly relations will permit. I have no doubt that Mr. Hearne desires the honor as much as I do and will work just as hard to gain it. I am used to working with all my might to obtain anything I particularly want, or any point I desire to reach. It has been so in all my many years in political enterprise in which I have, after long and numerous conferences with my friends, undertaken.

Asked what he thought would be the issues in next year's campaign in a national sense, Col. Fleming spoke

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up without a minute's hesitation "Tariff," he said.

"You will find that the readjustment of the tariff schedules based on the principles of protection will be the liveliest kind of an issue in next year's campaign. It is the one question on which the two great parties are diametrically opposite. One preparedness for war, national defense, and a few other questions just now before the nation, there cannot be much of a partisan division. But on the tariff, the chess is as wide as ever between them. It is the condition that this country will face when the war in Europe ends that will force the tariff issue before the country again no matter how many or how big the obstacles are placed in the way of it. Conditions make issues, not men. The paramount question to be settled by the voters of this country in 'No

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## DOINGS OF THE DUFFS—(TOM, APPARENTLY, MUST PAY THE PIPER!)—BY ALLMAN.

